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Re: U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/736,632 entitled "Isolation of Nucleic Acids" by Matthew John Baker (Our Ref: INV850/4-029CIPUS)

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- 1. Request for Continued Examination;
- 2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 3. PTO/SB/08A (References A1 and C1-C2);
- 4. Request to Change Entity Status Under 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2);
- 5. Credit Card Payment Form; and
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Application of: Matthew John Baker

Serial No.: 09/736,632

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For: ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

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Sir:

The captioned application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Applicant requests that the status of the captioned application be changed to large entity. Accordingly, the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith includes the large entity fee.

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